

Twilight Halloween Swim Meet

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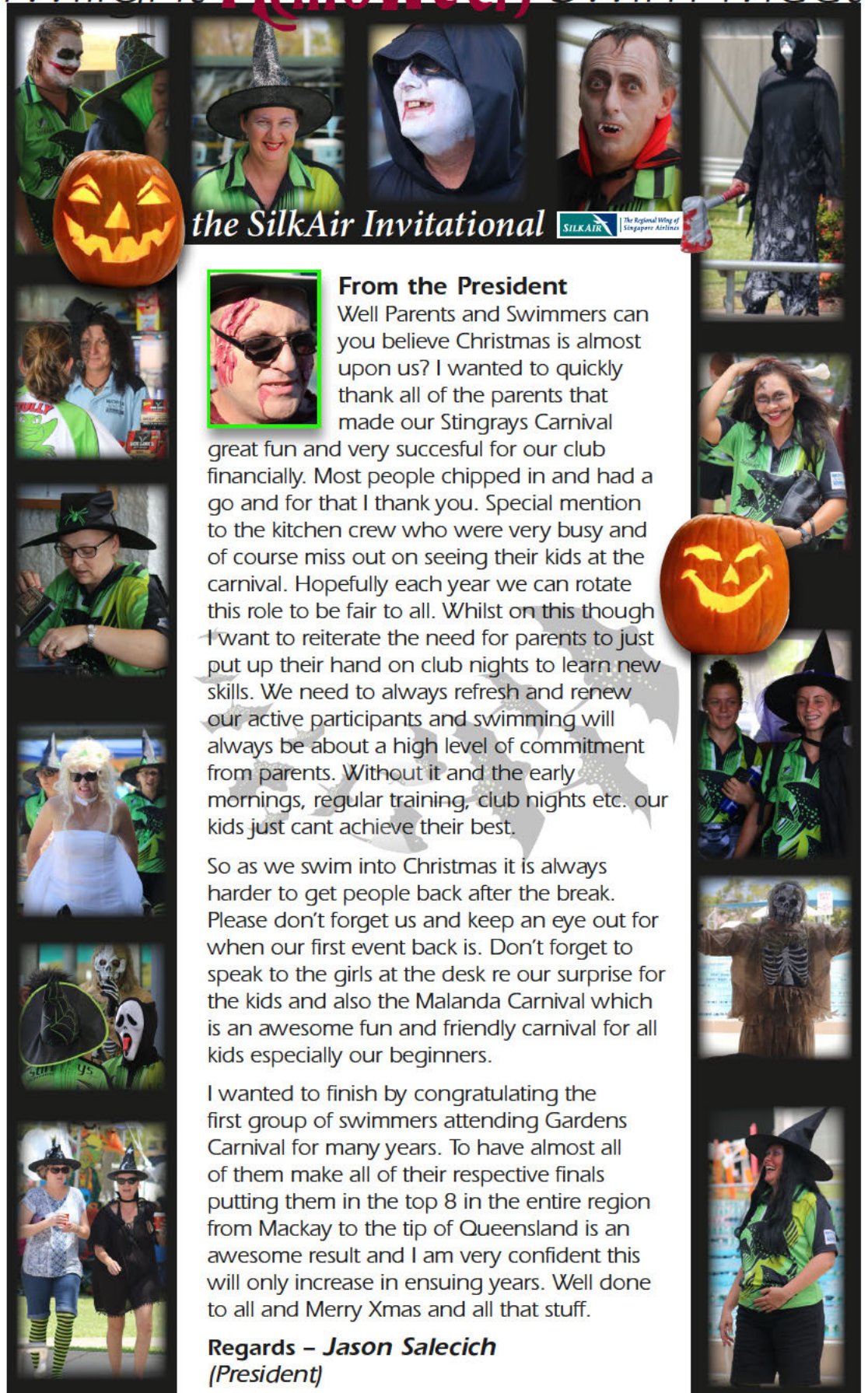
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the SilkAir Invitational



From the President

Well Parents and Swimmers can you believe Christmas is almost upon us? I wanted to quickly thank all of the parents that made our Stingrays Carnival great fun and very successful for our club financially. Most people chipped in and had a go and for that I thank you. Special mention to the kitchen crew who were very busy and of course miss out on seeing their kids at the carnival. Hopefully each year we can rotate this role to be fair to all. Whilst on this though I want to reiterate the need for parents to just put up their hand on club nights to learn new skills. We need to always refresh and renew our active participants and swimming will always be about a high level of commitment from parents. Without it and the early mornings, regular training, club nights etc. our kids just cant achieve their best.

So as we swim into Christmas it is always harder to get people back after the break. Please don't forget us and keep an eye out for when our first event back is. Don't forget to speak to the girls at the desk re our surprise for the kids and also the Malanda Carnival which is an awesome fun and friendly carnival for all kids especially our beginners.

I wanted to finish by congratulating the first group of swimmers attending Gardens Carnival for many years. To have almost all of them make all of their respective finals putting them in the top 8 in the entire region from Mackay to the tip of Queensland is an awesome result and I am very confident this will only increase in ensuing years. Well done to all and Merry Xmas and all that stuff.

Regards – **Jason Salecich**
(President)

Club News

Stingrays Carnival

We had an awesome twilight carnival, both in attendance numbers from most clubs, and for the effort put into our 'Hallowe'en' Theme, by ourselves, and by a lot of our visiting club families. The overall verdict was that it was a great success, went smoothly and everyone appeared to be having a good time. Thank you to all of our members who helped out, the kitchen staff who kept the food coming, those who officiated and ran the operation - well worth the celebratory beer and informal get-together we all shared in afterwards.

Daniel receives JX Award

Vice-President Jenny presented Daniel Staska with his Green JX Award package for his efforts with Stingrays last year. Daniel belatedly returns to the Club for this season.



The Australian Junior Excellence Program recognises, rewards and encourages junior swimmers (ages 9 to 13 years) who, through their development of aquatic skills and fitness, achieve a high standard of swimming excellence.



Upgrades

The following swimmers were awarded upgrades from 25m to 50m over this period:

Edward Diola	to 50m Butterfly
Madelin McAuley	to 50m Freestyle
Cameron Flett	to 50m Freestyle
Audrey Peden	to 50m Breaststroke

Well done to these swimmers on their achievements.



25m benchmark times

Freestyle	25 seconds
Breaststroke	33 seconds
Backstroke	30 seconds
Butterfly	28 seconds

Remember, if your child achieves the above times or better in each stroke on two occasions they are eligible to upgrade.

Club Night Series Awards #1

Our first Series Awards were presented on 6th November to the eleven most-improved swimmers over the previous four weeks; they were presented with their personalised certificates, while Alexandra also gets the personalised towel for being the top achiever.

(based on accrued improvement points over the course of the previous 4 weeks' attendance, as outlined in our handbook).

Pos	Name	Pts
1	Alexandra Greatorex	43
2=	Ella Diola	33
2=	Susan Hutchins	33
4	Ryan Woodward	29
5=	Jane-Lee Pregl	28
5=	Edward Diola	28
7=	Nathan Foote	27
7=	Benjamin Waters	27
9	Natalie Beck	26
10=	Edward Orchard	24
10=	Kelsey Orchard	24

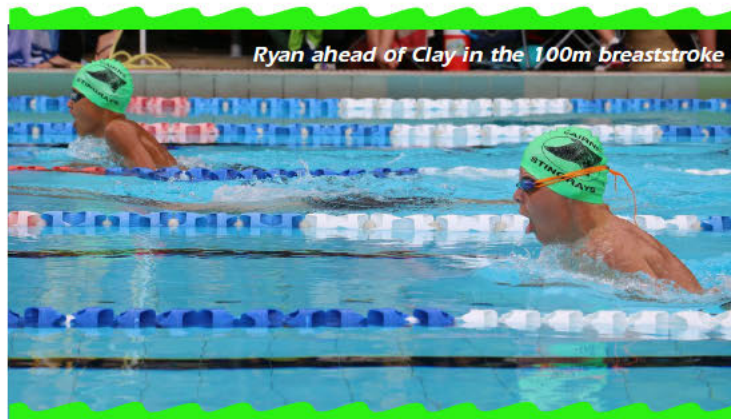


Long Course Carnivals

Mareeba LC Carnival

Held on a Sunday, Mareeba's Carnival was scheduled to be a long, busy day what with the projected total of 227 swimmers set to enter - probably their largest to date, and the biggest number of attendees at the carnivals so far for this season. Stingrays had 24 swimmers going, and the second-largest club in numbers out of the 13 clubs attending, after Mareeba itself.

The day was a cool overcast one, which threatened to get worse towards the afternoon, leading to some prolonged shower activity during the last hour or two of the programme. Our swimmers achieved results according to the table below, with a combination of medals and ribbons won dependent on event distance as outlined in the carnival rules. Most consistent improvements in their times were made by Ryan, Ella and Kelsey, with a 100% improvement record by the two girls Natalie and Susan in their 25m races - well done!



Ryan ahead of Clay in the 100m breaststroke

MAREEBA LONG COURSE MEET

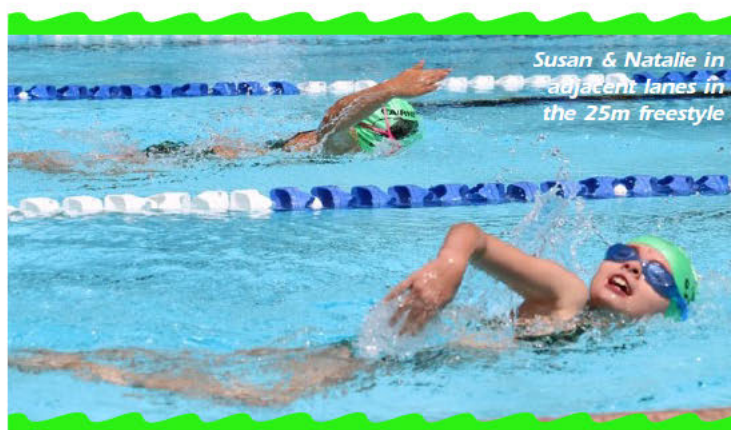
DATE: 18 OCTOBER: VENUE: MAREEBA POOL

24 PARTICIPANTS: Adam Foote; Adam Woodward; Amber Waters; Ben Waters; Brock Salecich; Clay Salecich; Daniel Foote; Edward Diola; Edward Orchard; Ella Diola; Emilee Salecich; Grace Grainer; Jane-Lee Pregl; Keely Salecich; Kelsey Orchard; Lachlan Salecich; Madison Thieme; Natalie Beck; Nathan Foote; Owen Hallett; Ryan Woodward; Susan Hutchins; Triton Smith; Zara Hallett

Participation Ribbon (B&U)	
Natalie	
Susan	
Zara	

	Medals			Ribbons		
	G	S	B	1	2	3
Adam W	4	2	1	2		
Adam F	2	1	1	1		3
Ella	2	1	1			
Ryan	2		1	1	2	1
Emilee	2			2	1	1
Edward D	1				2	
Amber		2	1	2	1	
Nathan		1	2		2	1
Triton		1	2			1
Keely		1		1		1
Edward O		1				2
Brock			1		1	3
Jane-Lee			1			
Kelsey			1			
Madison				1		
Ben						1
Clay						1

STATISTICS	
Improvements	46%
First time swims	11
No swims	7
DO's	1



Susan & Natalie in adjacent lanes in the 25m freestyle



Brock swimming 50m freestyle



Kelsey in the 100m breaststroke



Madison swimming her 50m freestyle



Edward Orchard swimming 50m freestyle

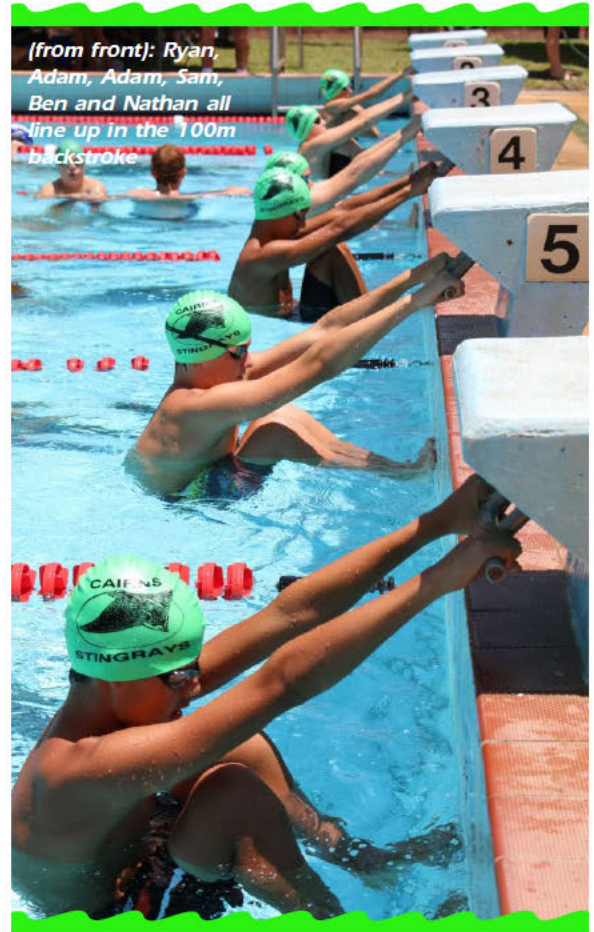
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Dimbulah LC Carnival

Held on the Sunday for 8am meant either travelling up early morning or if fortunate enough, to camp overnight in the adjacent campsite like a handful of swimming families tend to do, allowing for a nice unhurried start to the day! Starting off overcast gave the impression we might have been in for a cool day, or even the threat of a storm, but it wasn't long before cloud dispersed and the hot, dry weather we come to expect from Dimbulah be revealed - so much so that keeping out of the hot sun was a bit of a challenge later in the day despite being under three shade marquees that we bring along.

Stingrays were there very much in force (again), with some heats having all Stingrays swimmers in - see photo right. Our team included some newcomers and some occasional carnival-goers for a change to the usual lineup. The programme followed usual lines with a variety of events, leading up to relay races at midday; we entered four teams in all, in the following categories:

STATISTICS	
Improvements	28%
First time swims	23
No swims	6
DO's	1



(from front): Ryan, Adam, Adam, Sam, Ben and Nathan all line up in the 100m backstroke

Mixed 9 & Under 200m Freestyle Relay

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| 1. Thomas Greatorex | 2. Zara Hallett |
| 3. Susan Hutchins | 4. Angus Richardson |

Mixed 13 & Under 200m Freestyle Relay "A" Team

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| 1. Ashleigh Richardson | 2. Alexandra Greatorex |
| 3. Daniel Foote | 4. Ryan Woodward |

Mixed 13 & Under 200m Freestyle Relay "B" Team

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| 1. Nathan Foote | 2. Keely Salecich |
| 3. Emilee Salecich | 4. Adam Woodward |

Boys Open 200m Freestyle Relay

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| 1. Nicholas Goudie | 2. Adam Foote |
| 3. Benjamin Waters | 4. Sam Tress |

For the first relay Stingrays came second place (out of 5), in the 13 & Under races team B came first with team A coming third out of 7 teams; in the last relay our team came first (out of 2 teams).

DIMBULAH FAMILY MEET

DATE: 25 Oct: VENUE: DIMBULAH POOL

23 PARTICIPANTS: Adam Foote; Adam Woodward; Alexandra Greatorex; Amber Waters; Angus Richardson; Ashleigh Richardson; Blake Strahan; Ben Waters; Daniel Foote; Emilee Salecich; Flynn Riordan; Keely Salecich; Natalie Beck; Nathan Foote; Nicholas Goudie; Owen Hallett; Ryan Woodward; Sam Tress; Sophie Greatorex; Susan Hutchins; Thomas Greatorex; Triton Smith; Zara Hallett



Flynn in the 50m freestyle



Thomas swimming his 50m freestyle



Ashleigh in her 50m backstroke



newcomer Sophie swims in the 25m breaststroke

Participation Ribbon (7 & U)
Blake
Natalie
Sophie
Susan

	Medals			Ribbons		
	G	S	B	1	2	3
Adam W	5	1		4		
Adam F	4		1	4		
Sam	4			2	2	
Ben	2	1	2		1	2
Emilee	2			2		
Amber	1	2	1		2	
Ryan	1	1		3	1	
Nicholas	1			2	2	
Nathan		2			4	
Triton		1	1	1		
Keely			1	2	2	
Angus			1		1	
Daniel			1			1
Ashleigh			1			
Zara					1	1
Blake					1	

Long Course Carnivals

Stingrays LC 'SilkAir Invitational' "Hallowe'en" Carnival

Our own carnival was an undoubted success and aside from the added Halloween theme with many coming in costumes, the swimming went smoothly. We had some of our newcomers participating and performing their best.

We also introduced a new feature called the 'Cairns Stingrays Gift' which gave the winners of the 50m freestyle in each age category (male & female) the chance to swim in a handicapped final to determine an overall winner who wins the prize money donated by Woree Sports & Aquatic Centre. The male winner was Hayden Reiha of Marlin Coast and the female winner was Kali Houlihan (Stingrays).

CAIRNS STINGRAYS LONG COURSE MEET

DATE: 31ST OCT: VENUE: WOREE POOL

42 PARTICIPANTS (38 ATTENDED): Adam Foote;

Adam Woodward; Alexandra Greatorex; Amber

Waters; Angus Richardson; Ashleigh Richardson; Ben

Waters; (Blake Strahan); (Brock Salecich); Caleb Ison;

(Clay Salecich); Connor

Lloyd; Daniel Foote;

Edward Diola; Edward

Orchard; Ella Diola;

Emilee Salecich; Emogen

Bergey; Ezlan Bergey-

Bray; Flynn Riordan;

Grace Grainer; Jane-Lee

Pregl; Kai Travers-Mason;

Kali Houlihan; Keely

Salecich; Kelsey Orchard;

(Lachlan Salecich);

Madison Thieme;

Natalie Beck; Nathan

Foote; Neve Houlihan;

Nicholas Goudie; Owen

Hallett; Peter Fischer;

Ryan Woodward; Sasha

Fischer; Sam Tress;

Sophie Greatorex; Susan

Hutchins; Thomas

Greatorex; Triton Smith;

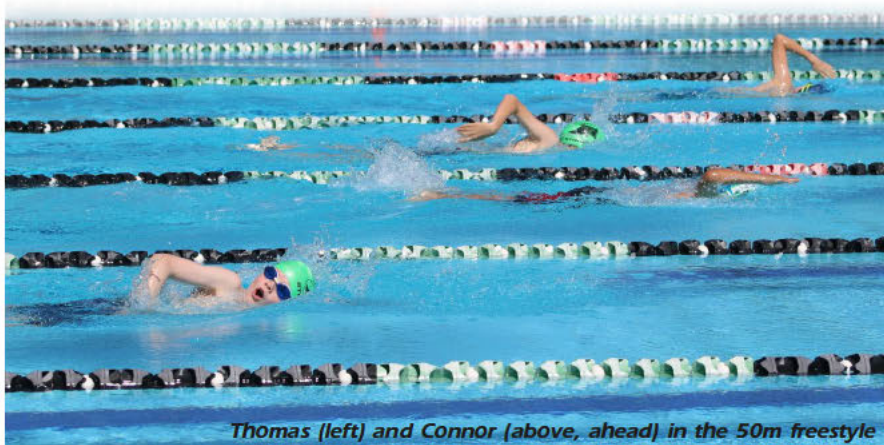
Zara Hallett

Medals	G	S	B
Ella	4	3	
Keely	4	1	
Adam W	4		
Sam	4		
Emilee	3	1	
Kali	3		
Ryan	2	4	1
Adam F	2	3	1
Ezlan	1	3	
Nathan	1	2	4
Daniel	1	2	1
Ben	1		2
Jane-Lee	1		
Amber		5	1
Triton		2	2
Nicholas		2	1
Edward D		1	2
Edward O		1	2
Madison		1	2
Kelsey		1	1
Neve			1
Owen			1

STATISTICS	
Improvements	46%
First time swims	33
No swims	16
DQ's	3

Participation Ribbon (B & U)

- Sasha Fischer
- Peter Fischer
- Kai Travers-Mason
- Natalie Beck
- Sophie Greatorex
- Susan Hutchins
- Zara Hallett



Thomas (left) and Connor (above, ahead) in the 50m freestyle



Returned lapsed member Caleb swimming in the 50m freestyle



Sasha swimming 25m freestyle



Ashleigh and Alexandra diving in at the start of their 50m freestyle



Connor swimming in the 100m breaststroke



Peter in his 25m freestyle



Alexandra in her 50m backstroke

Stingrays Date Claimers

CLUB Fri 20 Nov Club Night #8

Sat/Sun 21-22 Nov TAS LC 'A-Qualifier' Carnival

CLUB Fri 27 Nov Club Night #9

CLUB Fri 4 Dec Club Night #10

Sat 5 Dec Malanda Family Carnival - 25m pool

CLUB Fri 11 Dec Aquathon / Christmas Party Break-Up

Carnival Knowledge

TAS 'A-Qualifier' Carnival - a serious two-day carnival for the keen ones.

Malanda Family Carnival - a great enjoyable day for families, younger ones especially welcome in their 25m pool for 25m races, as well as longer distances for the older ones - but with lots more turns! An excellent meet to round out the first half of the season before the Christmas break.

Santa's on his way!

We end the first half of the season with our Break-up Christmas Party, being held on Friday 11th December. We will also be holding our Aquathon sponsored swim that night, but we will round off with some fun games, and of course there will be food as provided by the Club and contributed by members, and a bit of a relaxed party atmosphere - as well as the arrival of Santa who will be giving all the kids presents!



It's not all about serious swimming!



Aquathon

Friday 11th December (Club Night)

Stingrays is holding its Aquathon – sponsored swim event for its members, to raise money to assist the Club. We will be handing out sponsor forms to members very soon; your child will have the option to decide which distance to swim – 25m or 50m laps (dependent on age and ability).

The swim will last half-an-hour, and the aim is to achieve as many laps as possible; there will be prizes awarded for the most number of laps (in each age/distance category), and the most amount of sponsorship money raised.

We intend this to be an enjoyable challenge, and a practical way of raising some funds for all to share, in the club's activities.

HAPPY SPONSORING!

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